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VIRGINIA IN 1678.

(Abstracts by W. N. SAINSBURY, and copies in the McDonald
and De Jarnette Papers, Virginia State Library.)

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July 6, 1678

CERTIFIED COPY BY GOV. JEFFREYS OF A DEPOSITION OF PAUL WILLIAMS in reference to what Col. Edward Hill said concerning his Maj. letter if any should come in favour of Byrd [indorsed by Col. Moryson] "who was a prisoner of Bacon's and carried about with him when Col. Warner was plundered for which they have awarded a thousand pound for Bird to pay tho' after his Maj. pardon." Indorsed Read. 14 Dec. 1678.

(Colonial Papers. 1. p.)

Virginia July 10, 1678

GOVERNOR HERBERT JEFFREYS TO COLONEL FRANCIS MORYSON—Wrote him a full account of all affairs last week by Capt. Jeffreys of the Golden Fortune, and now refers him to the bearer Col. Place, an eye witness of many of the particulars—Desires he will inform himself of what he long since propeced, what a sad and hard game Jeffreys had and has still to play, besides the misery of sickness he has undergone and is not yet quite rid of.

(Colonial Papers. 1. p.)

James City, Virginia, Aug. 8, 1678

WM. SHERWOOD TO SECRETARY SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON. The peace of the Country interrupted by the malice of discontented persons of the late Governor Berkeley's party who endeavour to bring a contempt upon Col. Jeffreys, their present good Governor—the chief being Lady Berkeley, Col. Philip Ludwell, Thos. Ballard, Col. Edward Hill & Major Robt. Beverley, all cherished by Sec. Ludwell, who acts severely. Their faction upheld by the hope of Lord Culpeper doing

mighty things for them. Is hated and abused for opposing that faction & vindicating the King's authority—Refers him to the bearer Col. Rowland Place, for a more ample account. (Colonial Papers. 1. p.)

Sept. 24, 1678

LIST OF ACTS MADE IN VIRGINIA TRANSMITTED BY CAPT. JEFFERIES and received from M^r Secretary Coventry on the 24th of Sept. 1678, Sir Wm. Berkeley Governor.

Which Acts begin in March 1660 and end in October 1677.

1st Session from	3 March 1660 to 23 Dec. 1662.
2nd Do	" 2 Dec. 1662 to Sept. 1663.
3rd Do	" 10 Sept. 1663—20 Sept. 1664.
4 th Do.	20 Sept. 1664—10 Oct. 1665.
5 th Do.	5 June 1666.
6 th Do.	5 June 1666—23 Oct. 1666.
7 th Do.	23 Sept. 1667.
8 th Do.	23 Sept. 1667—17 Sept. 1668.
9 th Do.	17 Sept. 1668—20 Oct. 1669.
10 th Do.	20 Oct. 1669—3 Oct. 1670.
11 th Do.	3 Oct. 1670—20 Sept. 1671.
12 th Do.	20 Sept. 1671—24 Sept. 1672.
13 th Do.	24 Sept. 1672—20 Oct. 1673.
14 th Do.	20 Oct. 1673—21 Sept. 1674.
15 th Do.	21 Sept. 1674—7 Mar. 1675.
16 th Do.	5 June 1676.
17 th Do.	20 Feb. 1676-7.
18 th Do.	10 Oct. 1677.

(Colonial Entry Bk. No. 84.)

Also Copies of the above Acts certified by Robt. Beverley, Clerk of the Assembly.

(Ibid. pp. 1-102.)

Oct. 25, [1678]

COL. FRANCIS MORYSON TO W. BLATHWAYT, Sends an order lately received from Virginia [see 23 Oct. 1677.] which will give their Lordships (of Trade & Plantations) a prospect of the arrogancy of Virginia Assemblies—It was made by an

Assembly which was called after their coming away—that which sat during the time the Commiss^{rs} executed their Commission, never so much as questioned their power which was sufficiently understood—This very Beverley (that complained) had a sight of as much as concerned his delivery of the records before they had them—Did **not** think it necessary to record an executed Commission in an Inferior Court—This order was made by the House of Burgesses and not by both Houses so he will see how unfit Appeals in causes lye to them from the Governor & Council that make the other house.

(Colonial Papers. 1. p.)

Oct 29 [1678]

COL. FRANCIS MORYSON TO [WM. BLATHWAYT]—Has sent the Commission the Commiss^{rs} acted upon in Virginia that the Lords may be informed the records and other papers were commanded by virtue of their Commission and not by force as the Order of Assembly imports (see 23 Oct. 1677). That Beverley had a sight of said Commission before he delivered the records.

Replies to other points in reference to said Order.

(Colonial Papers. 1. p.)

Whitehall, Oct. 30, 1678

ORDER OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL ON REPRESENTATION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA TO GOV. JEFFRYES setting forth that his Maj. Commissioners had forced from the Clerk of the Assembly all their original journals, acts and other public papers which they took as a great violation of their privileges and desired that they might be assured no such violation should be offered for the future, his Maj. taking notice of the great presumption of said Assembly in calling in question his authority derived to his said Commissioners refers the consideration thereof to the Lords of Trade and Plantations for their report what they think fit to be done in vindication of his Maj. authority and for bringing said Assembly to a due sense and acknowledgment of their duty and submission towards his Maj. and such as are commissioned by him—also to prepare a Scheme

of Laws & Orders to be transmitted to said Colony of Virginia.
(Colonial Papers. 1. p.)

Dec 13, [1678]

COL. FRANCIS MORYSON TO [WM. BLATHWAYT]. Has advice that Col. Rowland Place is lately arrived from Virginia—He is the gentlemen Gov. Jeffreys mentions as able to give a true information of all transactions in Virginia since the Commiss^{rs} coming away [see letter of 10 July 1678]—He is one of the Council and a very honest Gentleman—Conceives it necessary for the King's service to have a true prospect into the affairs there before Lord Culpeper goes—Wishes him to defer giving in the papers—the Queen [of Pamunkey]'s letter & complaint—the Governor's deposition concerning the denial of his Maj. letter in the case of Bird, and the Interpreter's letter.

(Colonial Papers. 1. p.)

Dec 12, 1678

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND PLANTATIONS—Proposals received from Lord Culpeper in reference to the Governor of Virginia (read on 14 Dec.) "in pursuance of his Maj. commands" with marginal notes—Some of the Articles are "agreed" (see Orders of 14 and 20 Dec. 1678.)—These heads were delivered in Jan'y 1677(-8) to Secretary Coventry and read at the Committee of Foreign affairs in May last, but by reason of my Lord Treasurer's absence, nothing done—But on the 11th August after a full debate upon every one, it was resolved as in the margin and so set down by M^r Secretary Some lesser points were then also agreed to.

(Colonial Papers.)

Another Copy is entered in Col. Entry Bk. No. 80. pp. 258-263.

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